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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

MASON ET AL.

Examiner

Phuong N. Hoang

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 December 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 12 April 2002 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 7/9/04.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claim 1 is pending for examination.

Specification

2. The disclosure is objected to because it contains an embedded hyperlink and/or other form of browser-executable code [page 4 lines 13]. Applicant is required to delete the embedded hyperlink and/or other form of browser-executable code. See MPEP § 608.01.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

- a. The following term lack proper antecedent basis:

- i. said application data stores, said data stores – claim 1.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. **Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Taylor, US patent no. 6,256,676 in view of Vijaykumar, US patent no. 5,745,896.**

4. **As to claim 1**, Taylor teaches a system for synchronizing data between applications (applications, col. 10 lines 40 – 60) having respective data stores (application resources, col. 13 lines 1 – 5 and fig. 2), the system comprising the steps of:

two or more application service adapters (a plurality of adapters, each of which respectively one of the plurality of enterprise applications, abstract and col. 11 lines 40 – 50 and fig. 2) associated with the application data stores;

an integration engine (engine, col. 11 lines 40 – 50) having associated therewith an integration engine service adapter (ADK 130, col. 11 lines 40 – 65) and an integration engine data store (database storage, col. 8 lines 5 – 20) the integration engine manages the flow of information among all the data stores (pass messages between the computer applications which are associated with applicant resources, col. 8 lines 5 – 20 col. 10 lines 40 – 50 and col. 12 lines 25 – 30). Taylor teaches RDBMS comprising many databases (col. 11 lines 30 – 40 and fig. 2).

However, Taylor does not explicitly teach a links table for managing shared integration data.

Vigaykumar teaches RDBMS which has a link table for managing shared integration data (table containing link relationship, col. 14 lines 11 – 52).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teaching of Taylor and Vigaykumar's system because Vigaykumar's linking table would be necessary for the RDBMS to maintain the referential integrity of the update or delete rules and enhance the third normalization.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon request is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Bhattacharya et al, US patent no. 6,728,716, demonstrating a relational database system.

Sitaraman et al, US patent no. 6,718,332, demonstrating a seamless importation of data.

Ims et al, US patent no. 6,505,200, demonstrating a synchronization technique.


6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Phuong N. Hoang whose telephone number is (571)272-3763. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 9:00 am to 5:30 pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Meng-Ai An can be reached on (571)272-3756. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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